उपक्रम केन्द्रीय अंतर्देशीय जल परिवहन निगम और कुल निजी आपरेटरों द्वारा प्रचालित की जाती है।

(ख) और (ग) जी हां, भारतीय अंतर्देशीय जलमार्ग प्राधिकरण (आई० डब्ल्यू०ए०आई०) के टर्मिनल हल्दिया में, टी टी शेड मे , और कलकत्ता में जुगरनाथ घाट पर और मुंगेर, भागलपुर और पटना में उपलब्ध हैं। फरक्का बार्ज परियोजना प्राधिकरणों. के टर्मिनल पाकुर और फरक्का में उपलब्ध हैं। आई०डब्ल्यू०ए०आई० ने पटना में एक स्थायी आर०सी०सी० टर्मिनल का प्रस्ताव किया है, जिसके 3 वर्षों में प्रचलित हो जानी की संभावना है। आई०डब्ल्यू०ए०आई० ने कलकत्ता के जी०आर० जैट्टी क्षेत्र में भी अतिरिक्त टर्मिनल बनाने का प्रस्ताव किया है।

International Conference on Exports of the Oil Industry

1085. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any International Conference of experts of the Oil Industry from Asia, Central Asia and the Caucasian region was held recently in New Delhi to facilitate an instant decision on joint sector projects and promote regional cooperation in energy section as reported in The Financial Express, New Delhi dated the 19th July, 1995;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Central Asian and Caucasian region are rich in oil reserves estimated at around 3,000 million tonnes; and

(c) if so, which countries sent their representatives and what are the details of discussion held and outcome of the above mentioned New Delhi Conference?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) to (c): Yes, Sir. The Conference which was organised by Tata Energy Reserach Institute (TERI), a non-Governmental organisation during 18—20 July, 1995 in New Delhi was attended by delegates from various countries all over the world including the republics of Central Asia and Caucasian region. Issues of common interest and the possible areas for cooperation among the Central Asian, Caucasian and other Asian countries in the field of energy trade, energy conservation, technology transfer environmental management, funding mechanism, database and exchange of information were deliberated in the Conference.

According to the statistics published in 'Oil and Gas Journal', the oil reserves of Central Asian countries and Caucasian region are 1225 million tonnes and oil equivalent gas reserves are 5174 million tonnes.

"Fire in the Hilly Forests of Himachal Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh"

1086. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:
SHRI GAYA SINGH:
SHRI RAM NATH KOVIND:
DR. RANBIR SINGH:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether hilly forests of Himachal pradesh and Uttar Pradesh turned into a veritable inferno this year in summer as it does every year;

(b) if so, what was the extent of damage to the forests in terms of forest areas affected the trees and plants burnt down and the wild life destroyed this year as compared to the preceding two years;

(c) how far the reports that the fires were man made fires at the behest of vested interests, are corract; and

(d) what steps were taken to minimise and mitigate the damage?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b) The hill forests of Uttar Pradesh and Himachal Pradesh were affected